

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-20, and 26-39 are currently pending. Claims 26 and 33 have been amended. Claims 21 and 23-25 have been cancelled. Claims 1-6, 8-20, and 26-39 are believed to be in condition for allowance and such favorable action is respectfully requested.

Claims 26-32 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for being indefinite by use of the term “said stop plate” in claim 26 without proper antecedent basis.

Claims 21, 23-25 and 33-39 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) and/or 35 USC 103(a) as being anticipate and/or unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,772,985 (“Lee”).

Applicant appreciates the Office’s finding of allowance of claims 1-6 and 8-20. Additionally, claims 26-32 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 21 and 23-25 have now been cancelled. Therefore, the rejection of these claims in view of Lee is considered moot.

Claims 26 has been rewritten to provide proper antecedent basis for all claim terms, and to generally include the limitations of other allowable claims along with the limitations present in claim 26. Accordingly, it is asserted that the 35 USC 112, second paragraph, rejection of claim 26 has been overcome. Further, because claims 27-32 depend either directly or indirectly from claims 26, these claims have overcome the 35 USC 112, second paragraph, rejection for the same reason as claim 26.

Claim 33 has been amended to depend from claim 26, which is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 34-39 now depend either directly or indirectly from claim 33. Accordingly, it is respectfully asserted that claims 33-39 are in condition for allowance for

the same reason as claim 26. Therefore the rejection of claims 33-39 under 35 USC 102(e) and/or 35 USC 103(a) as being anticipate and/or unpatentable over Lee has been overcome.

CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons stated above, claims 1-6, 8-20, and 26-39 are now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the pending rejections and allowance of the claims. If any issues remain that would prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned – 816-474-6550 or jbwilliams@shb.com (such communication via email is herein expressly granted) – to resolve the same. It is believed that no fee is due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount required to Deposit Account No. 19-2112.

Respectfully submitted,

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